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LIFE'S HISTORY OF
WILLIAM FORMAN.

By John Forman

William Forman, son of John Forman and Margaret Major, was born November 7th, 1834, in Glasgow, Scotland.

He was a foundry-man, working at his trade in a foundry in Glasgow.

When he was about twenty years of age, he accepted the gospel. He became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, uniting with the Glasgow branch of the Church. Two years later, he emigrated to Salt Lake City, crossing the sea and the plains in a company of emigrants. He came in the family of Captain Robert Campbell and lived in his family at Salt Lake City until December 25th, 1854. He then lived with the family of Richard Richards, working at any kind of work he could find to do during the five years he resided in Salt Lake. He worked for Brigham Young part of the time. He was appointed by the Ward authorities to look after the widows and orphans as there were a great many at that time. He filled this calling well.

He was married to Catherine Campbell on October 20th, 1859, and in March, 1860, was sealed by President Brigham Young in the endowment house at Salt Lake City. To this union were born five children, one of whom survives.

In the spring of 1860, he was advised to go to Provo Valley and set out land. He, with his wife, came to Provo Valley in the spring of 1860, and immediately went to work at building a house and planting crops. He continued thereafter to follow farming and stock raising.

He did whatever he was called upon in civic or religious activities. At one time, he was called to donate a wagon and team for the purpose of helping emigrants across the plains, which donation he promptly made. He also was an Indian War Veteran, and was one of the twelve men who were called to Utah to try and make peace with the Indians.

When the Heber Ward was divided into the East and West Wards, he was made Bishop of the West Ward of Heber, which position he held a number of years. He was also appointed Presiding Bishop over the Wards of the Wasatch Stake, which position he held for a number of years.

He was engaged in the saw mill business for a number of years, thus giving employment to a great many men. It was always his desire to be well enough off to make employment for men.

He was energetic in the performance of every duty that was placed upon him. He was wellread in Church history. He was a kind and loving father.

The last few years of his life were spent in prospecting. His desire was always to do something for his children to help them in a temporal way as well as in a spiritual way.

He leaves a numerous posterity to mourn his loss. His seventy-five years were spent in the best possible way they could be spent.

He died in Salt Lake City, Utah, at the home of his daughter, Agness Fields, on February 3rd, 1910.

Buried in Heber City Cemetery

*William John Forman
William Campbell Forman
Benjamin Richard Forman
Margaret Christina Forman
John Forman*